

Application No. 09/834,815 Amendment Dated: 3/16/2004 Reply to Office Action of 12/16/2003

**PATENT** 

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF	)	GROUP ART UNIT: 1621
Pitzele al.	)	
	)	EXAMINER: P. A. Zucker
SERIAL NO. 09/934,815	)	
FILED: APRIL 13, 2001	)	DATE: MARCH 16, 2004

Title: 2-AMINO-3, 4 HEPTENOIC COMPOUNDS USEFUL AS NITRIC

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**RESPONSE** 

**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111** 

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

This letter is in response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2003, having a Shortened Statutory Period for Response that is set to expire on March 16, 2004. The Applicants believe this Application to be timely filed. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed together with this Amendment. All fees required for the making of this Amendment are authorized to be charged to deposit account No. 19-1025.

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